

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 to 5 is noted with appreciation.

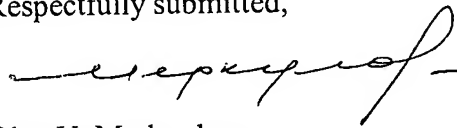
Claims 1 to 5 and 24 are currently active in the application. By the present amendment the Applicant intends to put the application in condition for immediate allowance by canceling claims 6 to 23 and amending claim 24 in order to improve claim language. Claim 24 has been already considered by the Examiner. The limitations of claim 24 is related to the third embodiment of the claimed invention presented in Figures 10 to 12 and the modification of the third embodiment shown in Figure 13. However, the third embodiment is similar to the second embodiment shown in Figures 8 and 9 wherein resin 22 is added to portions of the grooves 19, resulting in what amounts to the punched through holes 19 shown in Figures 8 and 9. Therefore, the currently amended claim 24 should be allowed with claims 1 to 5. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claim 24 be allowed with already allowed claims 1 to 5, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,



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